

P-402/D-94-592; P-402/D-94-593 ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Arvig Telecom, Inc.'s Request  
for an Extension of Time to File 1994  
Depreciation Studies for Arvig Telephone and  
Bridge Water Telephone Companies

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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On June 17, 1994, Arvig Telcom, Inc. (Arvig or the Company) filed a request for an extension of time to file depreciation studies under Minn. Rules, part 7810.7700.

On July 11, 1994, the Minnesota Department of Public Service (the Department) filed its report and recommendation.

On August 2, 1994, the Commission met to consider this matter.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Companies are required by law to review their depreciation rates annually to ensure that they are still generally appropriate. Minn. Rules, Part 7810.7500.

By previous Order of the Commission, Arvig's 1994 depreciation studies for its wholly owned subsidiaries, Arvig Telephone Company (Docket No. P-402/D-94-592) and Bridge Water Telephone Company (Docket No. P-402/D-94-593) were due to be filed July 1, 1994.

In its request for additional time to file these studies, Arvig did not explain why it had not filed the studies in a timely manner. The Company has not borne its burden of demonstrating good cause for granting a time extension.

Accordingly, the Commission will deny Arvig's request. In conjunction with the filing of its overdue study, the Company will be expected to address the reasons for the tardiness of its filing.

**ORDER**

1. The request of Arvig Telcom, Inc. (Arvig or the Company) for extensions of time to file its annual depreciation studies for its wholly owned subsidiaries (Arvig Telephone Company and Bridge Water Telephone Company) is denied
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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